

Counseling Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy



Innovative Training Combining Research and Practice

In a state-of-the-art, on-site Psychological Services Clinic at UNC, counseling psychology students are supervised in therapy sessions. From behind a one-way mirror, a licensed psychologist observes, providing immediate feedback using the latest audio-visual recording equipment. In UNC's Counseling Psychology doctoral program, all students go through at least two years of systematic in-clinic doctoral practicum experiences with the same intensive supervision.

As a student at UNC, you will have the opportunity to present at national conferences, co-teach with faculty and collaborate on research projects, learn how to complete intensive psychological assessments, supervise individual therapy in a semester-long practicum and work in diverse off-site settings. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Career Pathway

When you earn your Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from UNC, you'll have the training and preparation to lead in your field. We train psychologists who can conduct research, independently assess, diagnose and treat a wide spectrum of mental health concerns in a variety of settings, including:

- Academic/research setting
- Independent practice
- Mental Health Agency
- Health Care Facilities
- University counseling centers
- Veterans affairs

Degree Options

Distinguished by one-on-one training and research, our doctoral degree program prepares you in three core treatment modalities: individual therapy, couples and family therapy, and group therapy.

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Credits Required: 126
- Time to completion: 5 years
- Classes Start: Fall semesters
- Accredited by the American Psychological Association. Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to: Commission on Accreditation, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20002, Phone: (202) 336-5979, E-mail: apaaccred@apa.org, <http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation/>.

Related Programs

- School Psychology, Ph.D.
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
- School Counseling, M.A.
- Counselor Education and Supervision, Ph.D.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$685 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,296 per credit hour plus fees.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

What Students Say

"I found the program to be outstanding. The staff is professional yet caring, challenging yet supportive, and encouraging throughout. This was an amazing life experience for which I will be forever thankful."

Michael LeBlond

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Several competitive graduate assistantships are offered
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

Faculty Spotlight

Lu Tian, PhD.

Lu Tian received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia, completed her doctoral internship at University of Maryland Counseling Center and is a licensed psychologist in Colorado. Her primary research interests are in coping/applied problem solving, particularly related to proactive coping and multiculturalism. Other research specialties include coping/stress management, career-related issues, multicultural competency and mindfulness. Dr. Tian has numerous publications and professional presentations, teaching and clinical experience at the international level.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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